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FOLLOWING REPEAT ADDIS ABABA 4653 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4653

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR MASS ET SO US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 4629, B) ADDIS ABABA 4630

1. BY SEPTTEL, I AM REPORTING MY MEETING WITH FONMIN THIS
MORNING. AT APPROX 1700 THIS AFTERNOON BERHANE DERESSA,
AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, MOFA, CALLED ME TO ASK WHETHER I
HAD SENT A REPORT TO WASHINGTON OF THE MEETING AS YET. WHEN
I TOLD HIM IT HAD NOT GONE OUT YET, HE REPLIED "GOOD," WOULD
I PLEASE HOLD IT, THEN SAID HE WAS CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS
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OF HIS MINISTER. DESPITE FACT THAT HE COULD NOT TELL ME HOW
LONG I SHOULD WAIT, I AGREED TO DO SO, SINCE I FELT I HAD
LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO SAY I WOULD HONOR HIS REQUEST.

2. I MUST ASK THEREFORE THAT FACT I HAVE ACTUALLY SENT
REPORTING TELEGRAM BE VERY CLOSELY HELD. THERE IS OBVIOUSLY
SOMETHING IN WHAT WAS SAID THAT, ON SECOND THOUGHT OR

AS A RESULT OF MY REPLIES (NONE OF WHICH EXCEPT SECRETARY'S JULY 29 STATEMENT WAS NEW TO THEM), ETHIOPIANS DO NOT WANT TRANSMITTED TO DEPT AT LEAST IN FORM OR SUBSTANCE THAT WAS CONVEYED TO ME. ACCORDINGLY, ANY REFERENCE AT ALL TO THIS MORNING'S MEETING, OR AT LEAST TO SUBSTANCE, THAT COULD IN ANY WAY BE PLAYED BACK TO ETHIOPIANS, FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES, COULD MAKE LIFE MOST DIFFICULT FOR US HERE. SINCE I HAD ALREADY FILLED IN BRITISH CHARGE OF SUBSTANCE OF MEETING IN ANTICIPATION OF HIS OWN MEETING WITH FONMIN, I WILL ASK HIS COOPERATION AS WELL.
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